The Investigative Committee of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, December 3, 2015 via conference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

# THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2015

# **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Kellie Lockwood, RN, MSN, Vice President Merry Fort, RN Amy Hooper, LPN Linda Floyd, RN, EdD, PMHNP-BC, CNL

### STAFF PRESENT

Jim Cleghorn, Executive Director
Amelia Baker, JD, Assistant Attorney General
Kristin Daughdril, JD, Assistant Attorney General
Janet Freeman, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant - Legal/Discipline
Edye Tillman-Johnson, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant - Legal/Discipline
Tara Miller, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant - Legal/Discipline

Lockwood called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 3, 2015.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Fort moved, Floyd seconded and the Committee voted to enter into <u>Executive Session</u> in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-2(k); 43-1-19(h), 43-26-5(c) and 43-26-11, to deliberate on applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on applications, investigative reports and pending cases. The motion passed unanimously.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session on Thursday, September 24, 2015, Lockwood declared the meeting to be "open" pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act, O.C.G.A. §§ 50-14-1 et seg. No votes were taken during executive session.

### **INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE CASES**

(LPNI = Licensed Practical Nurse Investigative Case Number) (RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Hooper moved to present the following recommendations to the Board.

<u>LPNI150236</u> – Send a mitigating letter requesting courses in Dealing with Difficult Patients, Ethics of Nursing Practice, and Elder Abuse.

<u>LPNI150230</u> – Refer to the Attorney General's office for a public consent order to include a fine of \$500 for Action in Another Jurisdiction and a fine of \$500 for Failure to Disclose. Licensee is required to provide documentation of all criminal convictions.

**RNI111070** – Deny the request for early termination. The respondent may submit another request one (1) year from the end of narcotic restrictions (May 15, 2015).

**RNI160395** – Close the case with a Letter of Concern (Unprofessional Conduct).

**LPNI150031** – Deny the application based on unprofessional conduct.

RNI151064 – Close the case with a Letter of Concern (Patient Rghts).

<u>RNI140239</u> – Refer to the Attorney General's office for a private consent order to include four (4) years monitoring, two (2) years narcotic restrictions, substance abuse stipulations and quarterly reports (personal, employer, aftercare, psychotherapy).

RNI160401 - Authorize as an APRN.

**RNI160019/RNI090427** – Upon approval of Board approved reentry program, refer to the Attorney General's office for a public consent order to include two (2) years probation, quarterly reports (self, employer, psychotherapy), a fine of \$500 for unprofessional conduct, one (1) year limitation with female patients, Courses in Professional Boundaries in Nursing and Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing.

**LPNI160127** – Close the case.

<u>LPNI160087</u> – Refer to the Attorney General's office for a public consent order to include five (5) years probation, two (2) years narcotic restrictions, quarterly reports (personal, employer, aftercare, psychotherapy), and a fine of \$500 for unprofessional conduct.

**RNI150981** – Close with a Letter of Concern (Non Responsiveness).

<u>RNI150957</u> – Refer to Legal Services for an expedited outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

**LPNI160170** – Deny the application for violation of mental physical examination and unlicensed practice.

**RNI160413** – Deny the application. May reapply after resolution of action in another jurisdiction.

<u>RNI160053</u> – Refer to Attorney General's office for a private consent order to include a fine of \$500 for Failure to Disclose and a fine of \$500 for Unprofessional Conduct.

<u>RNI151223</u> – Refer to Attorney General's office for an Indefinite Suspension/Voluntary Surrender. May petition for lifting with 24 months of documented sobriety and a mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator completed within thirty days of petition. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

<u>RNI160031</u> – Refer to Legal Services for an expedited outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

<u>RNI151242</u> – Table until December 2015 meeting. Must provide documentation stating licensee is safe to practice. Send notification to facility regarding Mandatory Reporting.

<u>RNI120565</u> – Refer to the Attorney General's office for a public consent order to include five (5) years probation, quarterly reports (personal, employer, aftercare), and a fine of \$500 for violation of previous order.

**RNI140130** – Grant request to stop specific drug tests for Propofol.

<u>RNI160160</u> – After documentation of six (6) months of Aftercare and Psychotherapy (addiction therapist) and Board approval of a reentry proposal, refer to the Attorney General's office for a public consent order to include five (5) years probation, two (2) years narcotic restrictions, quarterly reports (personal, employer, aftercare, psychotherapy) and substance abuse stipulations.

<u>RNI160163</u> – Refer to Attorney General's office for a public consent order to include five (5) years probation, two (2) years narcotic restrictions, substance abuse stipulations, quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare, psychotherapy).

**LPNI080124** – Refer to the Attorney General's office for an indefinite suspension or voluntary surrender for failure to comply.

<u>LPNI160109</u> – Refer to Legal Services for an expedited outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

**RNI120576** – Refer to Attorney General's office for a public consent to include the same terms as the previous order: four (4) years probation, quarterly reports (employer, aftercare, personal, psychotherapy) and substance abuse stipulations.

**RNI160266** – Refer to Attorney General's office for a private consent order to include five (5) years probation, quarterly reports (personal, employer, aftercare, psychotherapy).

Fort seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Thursday, December 3, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

James D. Cleghorn, *Executive Director*